

Application Number **AWDM/0135/26**

Address **Land East of Duke of Wellington Public House 368 Brighton Road
Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex**

Proposal **Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.3 of
2023 to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres (to
previous points) one Poplar tree T1.**

Date of site visit: 25/03/26

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Poplar tree located near the southwest corner of the small grass verge named as Land East of Duke of Wellington Public House 368 Brighton Road, formerly part of the grounds of the Adur DC Civic Centre. The tree is a prominent part of the street scene and makes a significant contribution to the character and visual amenities of the area.

Consent is sought to reduce crown height and radial spread to previous points.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of abating nuisance, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: None.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

2023: Adur Tree Preservation order Number 3 of 2023 confirmed on 14/11/2023.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Poplar growing in a small grass verge close to the Duke of Wellington Public House and the pavement of the A259 Brighton Road. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from many views.

The tree has a large diameter single stem that reduces in girth from 4 metres and persists to 7 metres, where it then divides into two stems that each divide several more times to the top. There are large upright secondary stems from 4 metres, that on the east side achieve an equal height in the crown. The first significant limbs emerge from 4 to 5 metres, with basal growth at the base and some large epicormic growth from 2 metres. The main crown is dense and wide spread with some slightly over extended laterals, and some lower hanging branches.

The proposed works are to reduce crown height and radial spread by up to 4 metres (to previous points). The works are to contain the size and spread of the tree, abate possible future nuisance and allow more light and air to pass the crown.

These works in my opinion will be relatively large in relation to the overall size of the tree, but in time will not have significantly or adversely affected its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans
2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 27/03/2026

Authorised by: LPrew Date: 30/03/2026